

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING  
OPERATIONAL AND NONOPERATIONAL DATA  
ACQUIRED FROM OPTICAL DISCS

Abstract

5               Methods and apparatus for analyzing  
nonoperational data acquired from optical discs, and in  
particular, trackable optical discs having concurrently  
readable nonoperational structures are provided.  
Analysis can involve identifying patterns in the data  
10 that reproducibly distinguish underlying structures, or  
identifying patterns in the data that report physical  
properties of the nonoperational structures. When an  
optical disc has a plurality of physically nonidentical  
concurrently readable nonoperational structures,  
15 analysis can involve identifying patterns in the data  
that distinguish among the physically nonidentical  
nonoperational structures. Also, relative physical  
locations of nonoperational structures on the disc can  
be calculated. A system for remotely analyzing data in  
20 order to expedite complex data analysis and reporting  
the results thereof is also provided.

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